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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2. Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes D and C, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3. As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, "trading-day" effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4. Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are subject to revision.

Related publications

5. More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$1.70). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6. All current publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- n.a. not available
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series
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a column between two consecutive
figures)

7. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

		Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes		Lead (b) '000 tonnes		Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	September	6,910	6,925	22,020	36.7	7,553	7,381	22,886	21,162	593	595	477	456	37.3	33.4	289	256		
	October	7,884	7,016		35.6	7,398	7,445	22,622	22,103	660	622	436	415	40.8	34.8	267	230		
	November	8,437	7,309		40.7	7,112	7,523	22,404	24,323	597	640	455	428	42.1	36.2	286	228		
	December	4,996	6,315	25.5	6,886	7,487	19,795	23,094	641	635	407	421	32.0	38.8	238	252			
	January	4,565	6,285	25.7	7,077	7,783	18,839	23,542	664	615	298	444	13.5	38.7	100	229			
	February	7,242	7,045	22,214	34.4	6,820	7,694	18,892	22,879	596	639	429	439	38.1	38.6	219	238		
	March	7,464	7,174		37.0	7,426	7,653	20,823	23,090	638	616	478	452	41.3	37.8	277	259		
	April	5,709	6,807		32.1	7,143	7,713	22,212	23,677	665	684	389	393	29.9	32.8	309	249		
	May	8,209	6,821	18,255	40.7	8,275	7,862	25,076	23,571	671	640	456	437	48.1	39.4	233	235		
June	7,087	6,722	34.5		8,240	7,550	26,884	23,334	637	662	457	453	43.0	43.3	241	246			
1979-80	July	6,513	6,190	n.y.a.	36.5	8,977	7,802	29,784	24,134	686	686	468	434	42.8	41.1	259	241		
	August	6,853	7,236		39.4	8,991	7,967	29,411	24,543	706	725	453	436	45.5	41.8	315	272		
	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	8,025	7,925	26,013	24,039	705	727	456	442	40.2	36.3	344	301		
	October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	7,930	7,877	25,805	25,056	734	686	461	444	43.9	36.6	331	274		

(a) Gross mine output. (b) Metallic contents of mine products. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION - continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (exccl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (exccl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price Index Manufacturing Division (b)		Whole milk production all purposes mil. litres		Brokers and Dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79																
September	4,267	3,477	667	671	10,873	235	231	227.0		607	490	88,012	76.7			
October	3,871	3,477	839	722	12,323	259	243	229.7		753	483	107,746	77.8			
November	3,642	3,373	840	680	11,868	258	248	231.5		724	468	91,065	75.8	20,551	20,658	
December	2,791	3,140	650	733	8,942	208	239	233.6		665	463	50,813	75.1			
January	1,228	3,118	347	641	4,207	215	236	237.0		579	462	37,547	73.7			
February	3,061	2,903	764	680	11,541	229	244	241.5		434	480	34,939	70.7	21,285	21,279	
March	4,214	3,878	760	657	12,340	243	232	244.7		375	457	41,955	71.7			
April	2,766	3,332	553	636	10,114	199	218	248.7		289	454	32,532	73.2	22,006	21,964	
May	3,599	3,442	678	639	13,741	216	195	252.1		243	467	32,671	74.1			
June	4,491	3,837	663	755	13,822	182	181	255.3		231	471	22,989	72.6			
1978-80																
July	3,921	3,804	759	760	13,619	190	185	259.2		312	482	142,877	74.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
August	4,091	3,246	779	742	13,353	214	208	261.7		484	511	179,499	77.0			
September	4,925	4,536	754	786	11,914	211	214	263.3		617	501	85,937	76.1			
October	3,739	3,249	935	749	14,758	235	211	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5630.D. (b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Total exports, value \$m		Total imports, value \$m		Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices (c)		Export price index (revised) (a) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net Apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Exports Seas. adj.	Imports Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-89											
September	935	959	981	1,054							
October	1,137	1,145	1,194	1,109			135	-295	213	3,274	3,300
November	1,208	1,147	1,206	1,142	2,425	2,228	137	-364	263	3,328	3,356
December	1,088	1,163	1,034	1,155			137	-215	282	3,226	3,250
January	1,314	1,264	1,213	1,120			140	-251	187	3,200	3,219
February	1,132	1,209	1,051	1,130	2,596	2,114	142	-212	105	3,377	3,441
March	1,172	1,272	1,144	1,190			146	-135	357	3,723	3,708
April	1,246	1,250	1,120	1,213			149	-314	196	3,600	3,602
May	1,493	1,393	1,318	1,251	2,600	2,224	156	-248	341	3,677	3,620
June	1,406	1,378	1,288	1,364			159	-179	240	3,824	3,783
							161	-199	226	3,885	3,848
1979-80											
July	1,403	1,387	1,227	1,135	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	161	-252	122	3,865	3,818
August	1,301	1,247	1,325	1,232			162	-265	41	3,667	3,696
September	1,379	1,459	1,102	1,200			n.y.a.	51	-247	3,858	3,893
October	1,637	1,586	1,476	1,347			n.y.a.	-86	-16	4,106	4,129

(a) Introduced in July 1979. For further detail see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (b) From the end of June 1976 gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month. (c) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail Sales (a)														Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other business balances outstanding (e) \$m	
Month		All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (b) \$m		Food & drink (b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture (b) \$m		Other (b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered (d) '000		Original	
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1978-79	September	2,059	2,115	3,331	3,106	2,530	2,170	1,345	1,146	41.6	43.0	9.8	10.3	2,967	
	October	2,091	2,124							38.8	39.0	9.9	9.9	2,983	
	November	2,224	2,114							39.1	37.4	9.9	9.5	3,000	
	December	2,891	2,184							35.2	38.6	8.6	9.4	3,027	
	January	2,038	2,182	3,149	3,189	1,932	2,235	1,075	1,134	31.0	35.1	7.7	8.9	3,027	
	February	1,945	2,203							35.4	38.8	9.4	10.7	3,021	
	March	2,174	2,217							38.9	37.1	9.5	9.3	3,017	
	April	2,087	2,218							36.4	37.3	8.7	9.3	3,016	
	May	2,337	2,259	3,230	3,297	2,247	2,221	1,080	1,152	45.4	40.3	10.7	9.5	3,029	
	June	2,140	2,226							40.2	40.1	9.7	8.7	3,034	
1979-80	July	2,163	2,308	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	44.2	43.2	10.4	9.5	3,047	
	August	2,301	2,304							43.3	39.6	9.8	9.1	3,030	
	September	2,157	2,303							36.1	38.4	8.9	9.8	3,023	
	October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							39.8	38.0	10.7	10.1	n.y.a.	

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other; excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) At end of month, amounts financed to new agreements made were: April \$m136, May \$m160, June \$m138, July \$m143.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month		Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100		Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)		Consumer price index, six capitals, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)										
								All groups		Food (d)		Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original	Original					
1978-79	September			547.2	n.a.			238.8										
	October	228.20	222.00	547.3	n.a.	258.2		242.6	274.8	290.5	224.2	259.7	287.5	281.9	119.5			
	November			547.5	244.0													
	December			569.5	245.3													
	January			569.6	n.a.			250.1										
	February	222.80	231.00	569.7	n.a.	262.6		251.9	276.6	294.3	227.8	265.8	286.5	285.4	121.7			
	March			570.1	251.9													
	April			570.3	259.6													
May	232.80	231.40	570.4	n.a.	269.6		263.3	284.8	299.9	230.5	274.1	290.4	289.3	124.0				
June			588.1	267.4														
1979-80	July			588.3	1.3			272.6										
	August	238.30	238.60	588.5	1.4	275.8		270.9	288.6	304.5	235.7	284.4	293.9	293.8	125.2			
	September			588.6	271.5													
	October			n.a.	275.1													

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Overtime, Australia* (6330.0). (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers so derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* bulletins due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING, ETC.

Month		Building approvals \$m		Building approvals '000 units		Government building approved \$m		Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price indexes (a)		New capital expenditure by private enterprises			
												Materials used in house building		Buildings and structures \$m		Other capital equipment \$m	
												Original	Original	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	September	522.8	530.1	9.9	10.1	72.1						260.9	259.9				
	October	582.5	540.4	11.1	10.4	105.7						262.0	260.9				
	November	637.3	545.6	11.4	10.5	108.9	1,582.1	1,679.1	26.8	28.5		263.0	262.5	660.5	586.9	1,665.8	1,568.1
	December	460.1	519.6	9.8	11.0	70.6						264.6	264.4				
	January	439.1	535.6	8.1	10.5	104.4						266.9	268.3				
	February	560.8	642.6	9.8	10.9	114.8	1,753.2	1,826.0	30.8	31.7		270.9	273.4	450.0	551.9	1,445.4	1,652.3
	March	582.4	567.8	11.9	11.2	108.0						273.7	275.0				
	April	507.2	536.9	10.2	10.9	81.9						277.2	277.3				
	May	667.5	573.0	13.6	11.7	115.7	1,800.1	1,710.9	32.4	31.3		278.7	278.6	588.8	567.5	1,840.3	1,713.1
	June	651.7	589.7	12.0	11.3	122.6						280.2	279.3				
1979-80	July	606.8	569.1	12.4	11.9	103.6						283.6	285.2				
	August	611.5	629.2	11.9	12.0	88.5	n.a.	n.a.		32.7	31.0	287.6	288.5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	September	625.9	656.1	11.6	11.7	126.9						290.6	290.2				
	October											293.4	292.2				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks - Depositors' Balances (a) \$m		Major Trading Banks (b)				Finance companies' balances outstanding (c) \$m		Housing finance for owner occupation - value of loans approved (d)			Commonwealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent		Listed companies new money raised \$m		Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
			Deposits \$m		Advances \$m												
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (e) \$m	Original	per cent	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	September	18,537	18,395	18,600	19,108	13,986	14,002	15,953	290	164	80	8.79				1,633	
	October	18,636	18,417	18,952	19,176	14,357	14,122	16,094	300	177	93	8.69				1,658	2,146
	November	18,677	18,543	19,232	19,189	14,324	14,263	16,350	342	195	105	8.66		500.8		2,396	2,268
	December	18,870	18,747	19,601	19,335	14,514	14,512	16,571	246	164	79	8.67				1,776	2,270
	January	19,056	18,996	20,046	19,312	14,366	14,452	16,586	334	172	80	8.72				2,115	2,338
	February	19,278	19,161	20,461	19,645	14,304	14,709	16,655	318	204	68	8.77		172.2		2,347	2,423
	March	19,340	19,463	20,852	20,023	14,472	14,780	16,755	316	216	97	9.00				2,227	2,383
	April	19,229	19,558	20,653	20,093	14,950	14,862	16,858	276	176	87	9.61				3,346	2,425
	May	19,462	19,758	19,902	20,130	15,030	14,839	17,046	355	183	109	9.70		200.4		3,233	2,215
	June	19,833	19,885	19,602	20,370	15,012	14,915	17,135	305	166	89	9.94				2,623	2,342
1979-80	July	19,927	19,980	19,550	20,429	15,252	15,124	17,453	303	165	91	9.94				1,887	2,372
	August	20,131	20,094	19,958	20,615	15,380	15,368	17,585	354	179	100	9.94		n.y.a.		2,606	2,612
	September	20,247	20,102	20,314	20,887	15,708	15,723	17,755	305	173	87	9.95				1,883	2,508
	October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	20,996	21,127	16,216	15,942	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	9.95				n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication *Finance Companies* (\$614.0). (d) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (e) Includes Terminating Building Societies, Finance companies, Credit Unions, Insurance companies and Government Instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS

Quarter		Gross domestic product \$m		Gross farm product \$m		Gross non-farm product \$m		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure				
								Private \$m		Government \$m		Private \$m		Public \$m		
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
AT CURRENT PRICES																
1977-78	June	22,615	23,501	582	1,051	22,033	22,450	14,201	14,200	4,038	3,904	3,530	3,378	2,320	1,978	
1978-79	September	23,918	24,454	1,017	1,510	22,901	22,944	14,398	14,511	4,060	4,093	3,372	3,378	1,815	1,966	
	December	27,085	24,971	2,348	1,586	24,737	23,385	15,692	14,895	4,278	4,124	3,808	3,602	2,082	1,991	
	March	25,331	25,954	2,162	1,706	23,169	24,248	14,750	15,450	3,968	4,238	3,347	3,716	1,794	2,094	
	June	25,300	26,565	1,115	1,888	24,185	24,677	15,707	15,704	4,383	4,239	3,969	3,797	2,526	2,153	
1979-80	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES																
1977-78	June	15,711	16,559	398	947	15,313	15,612	9,839	9,819	2,881	2,789	2,397	2,288	1,618	1,363	
1978-79	September	16,502	17,020	719	1,282	15,783	15,738	9,762	9,830	2,838	2,861	2,280	2,276	1,253	1,362	
	December	18,920	17,151	2,093	1,288	16,827	15,863	10,336	9,837	2,968	2,887	2,499	2,382	1,418	1,360	
	March	17,090	17,326	1,806	1,226	15,284	16,100	9,920	9,978	2,682	2,832	2,150	2,379	1,164	1,391	
	June	16,126	17,264	477	1,305	15,649	15,959	9,937	9,915	2,938	2,845	2,503	2,391	1,643	1,385	
1979-80	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																
Quarter		Imports of goods and services \$m		Exports of goods and services \$m		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements \$m		Income of farm unin- corporated enterprises \$m		Other household income \$m	Less direct taxes, etc. (a) \$m	Household disposable income \$m
						Companies \$m		Other \$m								
		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Original	Original	Original	
1977-78	June	3,806	3,796	3,571	3,542	2,708	2,745	4,801	4,876	13,174	13,279	79	19,984	5,205		14,859
1978-79	September	4,057	3,959	3,536	3,592	2,705	2,701	5,093	5,326	13,484	13,643	492	19,935	2,812		17,616
	December	4,278	4,400	3,988	3,818	3,240	2,781	6,784	5,597	14,165	13,655	1,731	21,237	3,008		19,960
	March	4,278	4,275	4,216	4,384	2,275	2,719	6,069	5,899	13,842	14,290	1,561	20,489	3,744		18,306
	June	4,642	4,636	4,583	4,542	2,729	2,782	5,036	6,280	14,388	14,462	542	21,896	5,704		16,734
1979-80	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid or payable by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and - its paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (c) ('000)

JOB
VACANCIES
('000)

		Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time		Looking for part-time work	Total			Survey estimates (d)
Month		Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Original	Seas. adj. (b)	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons	
1978-79	September	4,059.0		2,310.5		6,369.6		204.7	120.1	59.7	218.1	166.4	384.5	
	October	4,062.7		2,311.5		6,374.1		194.0	111.9	61.6	207.9	159.6	367.5	
	November	4,052.4	4,067.5	2,314.6	2,320.3	6,367.0	6,388.1	191.0	117.9	60.9	206.4	163.3	369.7	n.a.
	December	4,165.3		2,373.5		6,538.7		219.9	153.9	67.4	241.6	199.7	441.2	
	January	4,119.3		2,266.8		6,386.1		235.2	155.9	55.0	250.0	196.1	446.2	
	February	4,135.4	4,107.1	2,337.5	2,322.4	6,472.9	6,427.1	229.5	152.2	72.3	241.8	212.1	453.9	n.a.
	March	4,127.4		2,359.2		6,486.6		206.6	146.9	71.4	223.1	201.8	425.0	
1979-80	April	4,124.6		2,348.5		6,473.1		202.1	144.2	70.4	217.2	199.5	416.8	
	May	4,118.9	4,110.0	2,321.0	2,315.7	6,439.9	6,426.7	197.7	137.5	61.4	210.6	186.0	396.6	34.3
	June	4,115.6		2,331.3		6,446.9		192.8	130.7	65.8	206.0	183.3	389.3	
	July	4,112.4		2,337.7		6,450.1		188.2	131.3	63.0	201.6	181.0	382.5	
	August	4,100.7	4,122.8	2,314.6	2,329.4	6,415.3	6,453.4	182.8	130.1	60.8	196.1	177.7	373.8	33.0
	September	4,140.9		2,373.7		6,514.6		184.7	138.3	73.5	201.6	194.9	396.5	
	October	4,126.8		2,386.2		6,513.0		179.4	133.3	76.4	197.4	191.8	389.1	

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (c) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of *The Labour Force, Australia* (n203.0). (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see *Job Vacancies, May 1979* (6231.0).

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a) (b)

		Total civilian employees '000						Private/Government '000 persons				Principal industries '000 persons			
		Males		Females		Persons		Private		Government		Manufacturing		Wholesale and Retail Trade	
Month		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1978-79	September (c)	3,079.1	3,087.9	1,838.2	1,838.2	4,917.3	4,926.1	3,419.5	3,427.6	1,497.7	1,498.5	1,150.1	n.y.a.	982.3	n.y.a.
	October (c)	3,079.9	3,088.8	1,846.8	1,842.2	4,926.7	4,931.0	3,428.5	3,429.4	1,498.2	1,501.6	1,156.0	n.y.a.	988.4	n.y.a.
	November (c)	3,090.3	3,093.0	1,858.3	1,847.0	4,949.1	4,940.0	3,449.5	3,437.0	1,499.6	1,503.0	1,160.4	n.y.a.	997.4	n.y.a.
	December	3,094.0	3,096.0	1,856.5	1,857.4	4,950.5	4,953.4	3,454.4	3,446.4	1,496.1	1,507.0	1,155.5	n.y.a.	1,006.1	n.y.a.
	January	3,087.4	3,095.7	1,835.5	1,858.5	4,923.0	4,954.2	3,432.2	3,447.5	1,490.8	1,506.7	1,153.0	n.y.a.	992.0	n.y.a.
	February	3,101.9	3,098.2	1,857.9	1,861.6	4,959.8	4,959.8	3,453.2	3,453.9	1,506.6	1,505.9	1,164.2	n.y.a.	994.2	n.y.a.
	March	3,110.3	3,100.9	1,869.1	1,865.3	4,979.4	4,966.2	3,467.4	3,458.2	1,512.0	1,508.0	1,170.0	n.y.a.	997.1	n.y.a.
	April	3,107.4	3,098.8	1,871.1	1,867.6	4,978.4	4,966.4	3,463.9	3,458.6	1,514.5	1,507.8	1,164.3	n.y.a.	999.0	n.y.a.
	May	3,111.9	3,102.1	1,874.8	1,871.9	4,986.4	4,974.0	3,471.0	3,465.3	1,515.7	1,508.7	1,166.1	n.y.a.	1,001.5	n.y.a.
	June (c)	3,105.2	3,100.1	1,875.8	1,874.9	4,981.0	4,975.0	3,465.9	3,466.1	1,515.1	1,508.9	1,164.5	n.y.a.	997.6	n.y.a.
1979-80	July (c)†	3,097.8	3,098.0	1,882.2	1,881.2	4,980.0	4,979.2	3,453.0	3,470.9	1,514.7	1,508.3	1,163.4	n.y.a.	997.6	n.y.a.
	August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	September	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
	October	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) The estimates contained in this table are based on revised benchmarks established by analysing data from the 1971 and 1976 population censuses, labour force surveys, economic censuses and surveys, payroll tax returns and returns from government bodies. For more detailed estimates and an explanation of the methods used to revise them refer to the July issue of *Civilian Employees* (6213.0). Employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and defence forces are excluded. (b) Seasonally adjusted estimates in this statement have been revised. For details of the methods used see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, 1979* (1308.0). (c) Affected by industrial dispute.

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